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**Promotion of sea-beach tourism in Orissa**

1955. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is a vast scope to promote sea-beach tourism in Orissa;

(b) whether any such programme has been drawn up to develop tourism at Puri, Konark and other sea-beaches in the State in order to attract domestic as well as foreign tourists; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Sea-beaches in the country including Orissa have the potential to attract both domestic and foreign tourists.

(b) Development of tourist places is primarily undertaken by the state Government/UT Administrations. Department of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides financial assistance to States/UTs for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them every year. During the first four years of the current five year plan 58 projects of Orissa including coastal areas with central financial component of Rs.1194.49 lakhs have been sanctioned.

(c) List of projects sanctioned for coastal areas of Orissa in the last 4 years is appended in the Statement.

**Statement**

*List of projects sancitoned for coastal areas of Orissa from 1997-98 to 2000-2001*

(Rs. in lakhs)			
Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	2	3	4
<b>1997-98</b>			
1.	Tourist Reception Centre, Balasore	40.00	12.00
2.	Public Conveniences at Nandankanan	15.00	5.00
3.	Public Conveniences at Dhoulagiri	15.00	5.00
4.	Public Conveniences at Kali Jan Island	13.76	5.00

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1	2	3	4
5.	Public Conveniences at Gopalpur-on-Sea	13.12	5.00
6.	Development of Khurda Fort as Historical Park	33.33	10.00
7.	Refurbishment of Chandramouli Temple at Pattamundai of Kendrapara	10.00	3.00
8.	Refurbishment of Jagannath Temple, Derabis	16.60	10.00
9.	Refurbishment of Baldev Jew Temple at Kendrapara	16.66	5.50
10.	Refurbishment of Mahabinayak Temple at Chandikhol	16.66	5.50
11.	Rath Yatra	4.00	2.00
12.	Beach Festival	5.00	2.50
13.	Konark Dance Festival 1998-99	5.00	2.50
14.	Development of Chandrabhaga Beach, Konark and Improvement of Holy Tank and Lanscaping	41.00	12.20
15.	Puri Beach Festival	5.00	2.50
16.	Bali Yatra 1999-2000	3.00	1.50
17.	Wayside Amenities Centre at Gorakhnath Pitha (Distt. Jagatsinghpur)	5.00	1.50
18.	Yatri Niwas at Chandneswar, Balasore	56.76	17.00
19.	Additional Accommodation at Existing Yatri Niwas at Konark (Phase-II)	48.00	14.40
20.	Additional Accommodation at Existing Yatri Niwas at Satapada (Chilika Lake)	32.19	9.66
21.	Water Sports Equipment for Satapada (Distt. Puri)	20.00	0.38
22.	Konark Festival	2.95	1.48
23.	Puri Beach Festival 2000-2001	5.00	2.50
24.	Development of Budha Jayanti Park at Chandrasekharpur (Bhubaneswar)	36.91	11.07
25.	Construction of Trekking Base Camp at Kuldiah (Distt. Balasore)	45.00	13.50
TOTAL		509.94	160.69